

**Proposed Claim 6**

6. (Currently Amended). A brush seal device in which splitting surfaces of a plurality of split-body parts are combined with one another and which is mounted to one of opposed component members so as to seal a gap between said component members, comprising: *open transitional phase*

a brush seal formed in a wall shape;

said split-body parts which hold said brush seal and each of which has connecting portions that are split and that extend along said splitting surfaces,

wherein each of said splitting surfaces has not only axial step but also radial step,

said splitting surfaces are formed at both sides of the brush seal.

said split-body parts are connected to one another so as to make a circumferential clearance between the splitting surfaces of the connected split-body parts and

said radial step is formed along a radial way of the circumferential clearance in order that the circumferential clearance is interrupted by the radial step.